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THEATRICAL PROMOTER

MOST SUCCESSFUL PROMOTOR FROM WEST OF MISSOURI IS FORMER OREGONIAN AND WELL KNOWN THEATRICAL MAN.

PORTLAND, Oct. 19.—John Cort, now the Frohman of the Pacific coast, and miniature edition of Klaw & Erlanger, was in Portland yesterday on his way to Seattle from New York. The former Portlander is the busiest dramatic manager in the Pacific Northwest, if not on the Pacific Coast, these days. It has all occurred during the past year. While in Portland Cort visited his sons, who are attending a private school here, and the remainder of his time he devoted to discussing show business with George L. Baker.

"I've had a very busy time in the East," said Mr. Cort, "getting my companies started for the season. I have five enterprises, Florence Roberts in 'The Strength of the Weak,' Max Figman in 'The Man on the Box,' Maude Fealey in 'The Illusions of Beatrice,' the Stewart Opera Company and Leoncavalli. These are all in readiness and while the season is still young, they look like winners. So far I have no complaint to make of results. All of my attractions will be seen in Portland during the season. The Stewart Opera company has been here and will return later; the next being Max Figman and later Miss Roberts.

"While not prepared to speak of them now, I will say, however, that I have a couple of big propositions in the theatrical line, which I am arranging for next season. They will cause considerable surprise when the announcement is made."

Cort has so many irons in the fire that he now has a New York office as well as one on the Coast. The New York bureau is used for directing the tours of his stars, while the Western office is that of the Northwestern Theatrical Association, through which practically all the big attractions visiting this section are booked. During the last year Cort has developed into the leading producing manager of the West. With Belasco & Mayer of San Francisco no longer directing starring tours for White Whittlesey and Florence Roberts, and with Oliver Moroson of Los Angeles, abandoning his road enterprises and his futile attempt in New York with "The Judge and the Jury," Cort is now the only Coast manager who is sending out recognized stars and companies.

ALABAMA FIRE INCENDIARY.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 19.—It is believed tonight that all the bodies have been recovered from the building which was destroyed by fire last night on Third street. The total number of dead stands at ten, with two so seriously injured that they cannot recover. Sheriff Burgin has wired the governor for a commission to investigate the fire. The general impression is that it was incendiary.

MORE BRITISH VESSELS.

Officials Are Ambitious Through Building Success.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The success of the trials of the battleship Dreadnaught has led the admiralty to give orders for the construction of three other such vessels.

CHASING INDIANS.

Calvary After Bandit Utes.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Secretary Taft has instructed General Greeley to dispatch a troop of cavalry to Wyoming to round up and return to their reservation the Ute Indians who are now causing a disturbance in that state.

ACTOR GOING BLIND.

Prominent Theatrical Man Losing His Sight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—L. R. Stockwell, one of the old time leading actors and theatrical managers of the Pacific coast, is gradually losing his sight while lying confined in an Oakland hospital, suffering from a complication of painful afflictions.

HOPE FOR SUBMARINE.

BIZERTA, Oct. 19.—Divers continued work all day on the Latin and by night-fall had fixed a chain under the stern and another under the bow. One of the Danish divers reported that he found the principal hatch of the Latin open and saw two bodies inside.

MADE DEAF HEAR IN THREE MINUTES

ASTONISHING DEMONSTRATION GIVEN BY L. T. COOPER AT ST. LOUIS HEADQUARTERS—SAYS HE WILL DO MORE.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 19.—On Wednesday afternoon some remarkable demonstrations were given in public by L. T. Cooper, or the "Great Cooper," as he is called, who is introducing for the first time in St. Louis the preparations which created a sensation in eastern cities.

The demonstrations took place at Mr. Cooper's headquarters, and were witnessed by several hundred people. As nearly as could be learned the facts were these:

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the young man agreed to show what one of his remedies would do for deafness and agreed to make any one present who was afflicted with deafness hear again in less than three minutes.

There were many deaf people present and about a dozen of these were given the demonstration, consisting of a single application of one of the Cooper preparations.

The hearing of these people was then tested after an interval of between two and three minutes. The test consisted of questions put to them in an ordinary conversational tone at distances varying from five to thirty feet. The results were remarkable in the extreme. Some of these people who were treated had been deaf for a number of years. When the first question was asked a look of amazement would spread over their faces and they would forget to answer the question. As the questions were repeated the surprised look would give way to one of delight. Many were so affected that they burst into tears and were scarcely able to answer the question.

In no single instance, so far as could be learned, would an individual fail to hear. Many were able to hear a finger snap at a distance of thirty feet. At the request of Mr. Cooper, questions were put to them by their friends or by various spectators in an ordinary tone of voice and the questions were readily answered.

In giving an account of these demonstrations, Mr. Cooper said:

"The preparation used is not the one with which I accomplish most, as my New Discovery, as it is called, and to which I owe my success is for the treatment of all forms of stomach trouble, and the general breaking down of the system that follows in the wake of diseases of this character.

"The stomach is the seat of a great many troubles, for instance, my remedy will relieve thousands of people of rheumatism in this city, simply by getting the stomach in working order."

Many people seen who were present at this demonstration assert positively that Cooper undoubtedly made these deaf people hear again.

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CASHIER SANDBAGGED.

BUTTE, Oct. 19.—A special to the Miner from Miles City says the cashier of the Terry Bank at Terry was sandbagged about 9 p. m. last night by two men, who were after the keys of the bank. The blow was not hard enough to stun the cashier, who routed his assailants. One man was arrested at Miles City today on suspicion. He was later freed, after giving a satisfactory account of himself.

There are a whole lot of people who act as if they were afraid that their neighbors and associates would not find out how nice they are if they did not keep telling them.

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